IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BEFORE THE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

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	Potential Opposer,	\		
	v.) OPPOSITION NO.		
SANARUS M	MEDICAL, INC.,)		
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FURTHER REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE NOTICE OF OPPOSITION				
RE:	APPLICATION NO.: MARK: APPLICANT: FILED: PUBLISHED:	78/123,506 CIRCLE OF CARE SANARUS MEDICAL, INC. APRIL 23, 2002 JUNE 17, 2003		
Dear Sir:				
Potential Opposers request that the time for filing an opposition against Application Serial No. 78/123,506 for the mark CIRCLE OF CARE, filed by SANARUS MEDICAL, INC. be extended, up to and including April 1, 2004.				
I hereby certify tha	CERTIFICATE OF MAILING Of this paper (along with any referred to as	R TRANSMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8(a being attached or enclosed) is being FACSIMI	_	
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Potential Opposer and Applicant are in the final stages of negotiations to resolve this matter and need additional time to attempt to conclude this matter without an opposition. This request to extend time is not being filed for the purpose of delay.

Counsel for the parties currently have near-final drafts of a Consent Agreement being reviewed by each of their respective clients. Counsel for potential opposer and counsel for Sanarus believe that this matter will be resolved at the conclusion of this review, therefore, request a further extension of time to complete the Consent Agreement.

Applicant's attorney, Susan L. Crockett, consented to this request for a further extension during a teleconference on February 27, 2004. Such extension is hereby sought up through and including **April 1, 2004** to resolve this matter.

This Request is being submitted in triplicate as required by 37 C.F.R. § 2.102(d).

Date: March 1, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

HEALTH CARE AND RETIREMENT CORPORATION OF AMERICA

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RE: APPLICATION NO.: 78/123,506

MARK: CIRCLE OF CARE

APPLICANT: SANARUS MEDICAL, INC.

FILED: April 23, 2002 PUBLISHED: June 17, 2003

Dear Commissioner:

Enclosed please find a further Request for Extension of Time to file a Notice of Opposition in the above-referenced application. This request is being filed in triplicate.

Very truly yours,

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